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TO : Chief, GG/F *GRW*

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SUBJECT: Response to Comments on CIA/RR-GM - 2, The Kashmir Question, 17 December 1956

A. Comments re Paragraph 1:

1. The suggested addition of "once more" would be acceptable.
2. We agree that the date of 1949 is probably best for the sentence as published. The agreement was signed in July 1949. In drafting GM-2, the date of "1950" was intended to apply to the final demarcation of the line, but during the review process, the terminology was changed to "agreed upon" and the date was not changed to 1949, as it should have been.
3. The comment suggests that the "new facets" are not "new." The problems certainly are not new, but the new all-weather road via the Banihal Tunnel and the recent actions of the Kashmir Constituent Assembly open up new aspects or "facets" of the problems.

B. Comments re Paragraph 5:

1. The comment suggests that two additional rivers should be added to the list of "five large rivers." Admittedly, the Kabul River is significant with respect to Pakistan plans for hydroelectric power production, and it could be included as a sixth river, although it is not as large in terms of average stream flow as are the other five rivers. The Beas River, however, should not be considered a large river of West Pakistan as it lies entirely within India.
2. The comment suggests that it would be impractical or impossible for India to reduce significantly the flow of rivers into West Pakistan. India has, during the past 10 years, demonstrated several times her ability to divert water from West Pakistan; and hundreds of despatches, intelligence reports, and newspaper stories have been written on the subject. The areas that receive no water quickly become desert land. In most cases, India has been willing to agree to sell water, as India's facilities are not yet adequate to make effective use of all the water. In May, 1952, a tripartite

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International Bank-India-Pakistan working group of engineers was set up to negotiate a settlement, but no final settlement has been reached. Pakistan is developing facilities for more efficient use of her own water supplies, so that less land will be dependent on water from India.

C. Comments re Paragraph 6:

1. Anyone who reads issuances of the Government of Pakistan and of the Pakistan press on the Kashmir question quickly becomes aware of their "paramount" emphasis on the religious status of the people in Kashmir. We fail to understand why this statement is "unclear as to meaning."

D. Comments re Paragraph 7:

1. The comment is possibly correct, but the information was thought to be of sufficient interest to justify its inclusion.



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informal critique of GM-2.

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